

THE COURTS.

PAYMENT FOR NEW PARK LANDS.

PROPERTY-OWNERS WHO WANT THEIR AWARDS INCREASED.

In the General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday Presiding Justice Van Brunt and Justices Barrett and Cullen listened to argument on the application made on behalf of the city for the confirmation of the report presented by the Commissioners of Estimate for the new parks above the Harlem River, except as to certain portions of it. The total awards made by the Commissioners amount to about \$30,000,000. The larger portion of the awards were confirmed in December. Since then eleven of the property-owners who had objected have withdrawn their objections. Among those whose protests are still before the court are Dr. C. S. Wood, whose award was \$60,126 for 137 acres taken for the Pelham Bay Park, which he claims are worth over \$400,000; Ann Bolton, whose award was \$202,080 for land, water-power, buildings and bleachers and tape-mill machinery taken for Bronx Park, and Gouverneur Morris, who claims that the nominal damages awarded for the road-beds taken for St. Mary's Park are entirely inadequate.

In support of the application, Franklin Bartlett, the special counsel for the city, said that he had but three objections to raise. One of these was to the award of \$25,504 to A. C. Chandler for sixteen lots taken for the Bronx Park. This was more than double the estimate of the owner's experts and was a manifest error. He also objected to the awards of \$6,000 to the town of Pelham for the Pelham Bay Bridge, and \$20,000 to "unknown" for Pelham Bridge Highway, which is claimed by the town of Pelham and by Westchester County. For the objecting property-owners, ex-Judge J. P. Daly, Thomas Allison, Prentiss Hall Butler and others appeared as counsel. Decision was reserved.

SHE PROVED TO BE A MALINGERER.

A woman who brought a fraudulent claim for damages against a surface railroad company and supported it by perjury on the witness-stand went into an epileptic fit in one of the Superior Court rooms yesterday on being informed by her lawyers that they would have nothing more to do with the case. Her name is Sophie Homer, and she demanded \$10,000 damage from the Dry Dock, East Railroad and Battery Railroad Company for pretended injuries received, as she alleged, while stepping from a car at Grand and Greene sts., on July 11, 1888. It was proved that she was a malingerer. Witnesses connected with two hospitals testified that she had not sustained any injuries at the time mentioned. Another witness swore that the plaintiff had endeavored to induce her to swear falsely in the case. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. McLean and two other lawyers, who after the case had proceeded thus far, became incensed and told her that they would not act as her lawyers any longer. She suddenly had a fit and became unconscious. An ambulance was sent for and she was carried to the Chambers-st. hospital.

WAS IT PERJURY OR FORGERY?

A criminal prosecution is likely to be the result of the trial of a suit in the City Court yesterday before Chief Justice McAdam and a jury, in which Mrs. Julia Pfeiffer demanded \$254 for board at Long Branch last summer and for embroidery patterns supplied to Mrs. Mildred B. Brooks, of No. 768 Broadway. Mrs. Brooks produced receipts for her board bills, which Mrs. Pfeiffer pronounced forgeries. The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, and the Justice told the lawyers to give him the papers in the case, saying that undoubtedly forgery or perjury had been committed and that the facts should at once be placed before the Grand Jury.

TROUBLE IN THE PETE DOG CLUB.

The suit in which the American Pet Dog Club seeks an injunction to restrain Harvey S. Surles, Crump Orsby, Mrs. Eugene Clarke and others from using the name of the organization occupied the attention of Justice Andrews in the Supreme Court, Special Term, yesterday. Mrs. Charles Wheately, president of the club, testified that several of the defendants had been expelled for non-payment of dues. The defendants claim that they have been members of the club since its first organization, and that it was incorporated by Mrs. Wheately and others without authority and for their own purposes.

DISSENGERS IN A RELIGIOUS ORDER.

The Third Order of St. Francis is a religious benevolent society, composed for the most part of women attached to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis in West Thirty-first-st. The members are like numbered members of the Church. There have been dissensions in the society and two Boards of Trustees claimed office. At the relation of one board, consisting of Margaret Kelly, Sarah Flanagan, Rose McDonald, Catherine Higgins and Anna McGrath, Anna, a Universalist, Tabor instigated proceedings in the name of a quo warranto against the other board, consisting of Margaret L. Trinoz, Margaret O'Brien, Margaret Henry and Edward Stephen. The question as to which board was regular was tried before Justice Barrett and a jury in the Supreme Court and resulted yesterday in a verdict for the plaintiffs. Testimony was given to show that the defendants had usurped the office of trustee, and had excluded the plaintiffs from the rooms of the society at Nos. 223 and 225 West Thirty-first-st.

SELLING LIQUOR ON SUNDAY IS FORBIDDEN.

The point raised by W. Bourke Cockran in the Superior Court, to the effect that the selling of liquor on Sundays is not forbidden by the laws as they now stand, was yesterday decided against him by Justice Dugro. It was presented in an application to make absolute an alternative writ of prohibition forbidding the Excise Commissioners to revoke the license of Charles Myers to sell liquor at No. 833 Sixth-ave.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Washington, March 15.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day transacted the following business: No. 237.—Rachel S. Goff, et al., plaintiff in error, agt. Harry C. Jones, et al., defendants, the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of New York. Dismissed with costs per stipulation.

No. 238.—John E. Hockrit, plaintiff in error, agt. the State of Indiana. The fact, to the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana. Dismissed with costs.

No. 239.—The Manhattan Bank of Memphis, Tenn., appellant, agt. Eliza Walker.

No. 240.—The United States, plaintiff, agt. S. H. Pfohl, Agreed.

No. 207.—A. O. Hammer, plaintiff in error, agt. Garfield Mining and Milling Co., submitted.

No. 208.—James M. Veach, et al., appellants, agt. A. S. Rice, et al., respondents.

THE COURT OF APPEALS.

Albany, March 15.—In the Court of Appeals to-day the following cases were argued:

No. 190.—Julius T. Asch, executor, respondent, agt. Estelle Asch, individually and as executrix, appellant.

No. 191.—Margaret C. Wallace, executrix, respondent, agt. Moses Stritus, appellant.

No. 190.—Henry C. Adams, appellant, agt. Richard J. Morrison, administrator, implead, respondent.

No. 192.—Benjamin H. Mills, executor, respondent, agt. Daniel R. Davis, et al., administrators, appellants.

No. 187.—Leander W. Kaufman, executor, appellant, agt. Francis A. Schooler, Sheriff, etc., respondent. Sub-mitted.

No. 188.—Catherine Ann McClurg, administratrix, appellant, agt. Mary A. Fosher, et al., respondents. Submitted.

No. 189.—Philip Levin, assignee, appellant, agt. Philip Levin, respondent. Submitted.

No. 265.—The Fire Commissioners of New York, respondents.

No. 266.—The Trustees and Stockholders of the Town of Southampton, respondents, agt. the Witton Bay Oyster Company, Limited, appellant.

The following is the day calendar for Monday: Med. 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880.

COLLEGE PLACE TO BE WIDENED.

The Board of Street Improvement yesterday took action on the College Place Improvement question, voting to widen that thoroughfare, to ninety feet from Chamber-st. to Murray-st., and extending it to Day and Greenwich-sts., at a width of eighty and sixty feet. The vote in favor of the improvement was unanimous, all the members being present. The cost, according to the report of Controller Myers and President Arnold, will be \$1,324,412, of which \$1,075,490 is put down for the acquisition of land. An opinion from Corporation Counsel Bochman makes the street railway companies running cars through College Place liable for a portion of the assessment.

The opening of Bethune-st. from Greenwich to Hudson was considered, but the matter was laid over until April 5. A majority of the property-holders have voted in favor of it. The cost is estimated at \$60,000.

PIRSON SHOOT OF THE RIVERSIDE GUN CLUB.

Rod Bank, N. J., March 15 (Special).—The Gun Club, held its monthly live pigeon shoot in the improved grounds in Midleton to-day. Although the wind was strong, the scores were excellent.

William T. Conover and Edmund Throckmorton won

first money, each killing eight birds out of nine. Most reliable, Fashed Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Lathrop, third, and Asa Whymper fourth and the leather medal.

THE INDEXING AND REINDEXING BILLS.

REGISTER SLEVIN SAID TO THINK THERE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THEM.—A LETTER FROM MR. OLMFSTED.

It was said yesterday as coming from Register Lieutenant A. V. Knight, Ensign G. T. Hawk and Naval Cadet W. S. Burke, both have been ordered to the Naval Station, April 1, relieved. Passed Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Lathrop, detached, and ordered to settle accounts and await orders; Assistant Paymaster Thomas Cowie, ordered to duty as General Storekeeper at the Newport, Texedo.

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It is maintained by the Register and his friends that even this bill throws such safeguards around the work that no harm will result to the city, and the total expense will not be more than \$50,000. It is not disputed that the original intention was to provide in this bill that the work should be in the hands of an excellent commission instead of the Register alone, and it certainly was due to the influence of the Register and his friends that the wholly indefensible change was made of putting it completely in the hands of the Register. Dwight H. Olmsted, the father of the "black system," has written a letter to the Tribune in which he says:

It is not surprising that the people are confused as to the different bills which have been introduced into the Assembly this session relative to the block indexing of land records in this city. These bills are four in number. Three are printed as Nos. 180, 285 and 338. The fourth bill is lying in the committee unprinted and unreported. Bill No. 180 provides both for future indexing and for reindexing, bills Nos. 285 and 338, future indexing only, and the unprinted bill for reindexing only. The truth is, that at the request of the city authorities, the free bill was split into two separate bills, one for reindexing and the other for future indexing, and they were substituted in committee for the other bills, and there are now no others before the Legislature for its action.

To-day the Register has in the committee, it is my opinion, that the commissions to carry 100-into effect will be changed, and a limit as to the expenditures incurred, as was the case in the original bill. Otherwise the bill is as it should be. As to the bill for future indexing, No. 338, which is the only one which has been reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly, it may be said that it has been prepared with great care, it has been submitted to the judgment of many able lawyers, including the president and officers of the Lawyers' Title Company, and that many valuable amendments and suggestions by them have been incorporated in the bill. It has also received the approval of the city authorities and of the Guarantee Title Company. Its passage will confer a great benefit upon the city, and the necessities of the case require it to be passed this winter. As to the expenditures necessary to carry this bill into effect, it cannot exceed \$50,000. The Board of Taxes and Assessments are to prepare the maps, while the Register has charge merely of preparing the blank index books, which will be about 240 in number, and the cost of which cannot be less.

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THE IRISH FLAG SHALL PROUDLY FLOW.

MAYOR GRANT WILL HAVE IT HOISTED ON THE CITY HALL.

It was rumored yesterday that a public meeting to protest against the display of foreign flags on public buildings was to be held at the base of the Washington statue in Union Square, but up to the close of business no application was received by the Park Commissioners for a permit. The Irish societies, on their part, have not yet asked for the permission of the Liederkranz Society repeatedly urged him to permit an evasion or violation of the bill. The order issued by Superintendent Murray, dated January 10, granting permission for the entertainment and hall of February 7, continues from 6 p. m. of the 7th to 6 a. m. of the 8th, is then quoted, and the police regulation (Rule 365) governing police action on the occasion of a masked ball, is given in full. It contains no reference to liquor-selling.

At a meeting of the Police Board yesterday, Commissioner McLean moved to inform the Liederkranz that "if they will verify their complaint before the Commissioners, according to the rules of the department, this will be investigated." His resolution was carried on the table by the other three Commissioners, who decided to send a copy of Captain Reilly's report to Mayor Grant. Previous to the meeting the Liederkranz Society had applied to the Commissioners for a permit, regarding a proposed exhibition of the Exchequer law, to provide for the sale of liquors under 1 a. m. at bars which receive certificates of good character from the Police Board. Mr. McLean said he would not inform the police of the permit, but that he would have it recorded in the minutes of the meeting, so that the public might be informed of the measure, which they said, would enable the police to show favor to balls given by respectable societies and for charity.

CHARGED WITH SWINDLING TWO WOMEN.

Robert Wilson, a real estate agent, of No. 41 East Seventy-fourth-st., was held in \$1,000 bail for examination at the Essex Market Court yesterday, charged with swindling Kate Dennis, of No. 111 Greenwich-st., Newark, and Rose Wigman, of No. 177 Nassau-ave., this city. The story of the swindle was that that Dennis had lost \$100 in gold in a quo warranto suit in Caspina-ave., in the outskirts of Newark. The two women answered the advertisement and for two years had been making payments until one had paid \$100 and the other \$100, and the swindler had not given back the money for the first time, and learned that Wilson had a long protest against placing the flag over the City Hall. The Mayor replied:

I do not consider the raising of the Irish flag with the American flag on St. Patrick's Day any infringement of the dignity of American citizenship. The Irish people are a patriotic people who have made the history of this country illustrious by their patriotism—a patriotism which has not interfered with their devotion to their native land. The fact that the Irish flag is not a national standard does not impair its value as a symbol of a noble struggle for liberty and a national existence, recommends it to me with greater force. It has, moreover, been the custom to raise these flags on such occasions, and I shall not deviate from the long-established precedent.

REFUSING DI MONTEBELLI'S CONFESSIONS.

Pittsburgh, March 15 (Special).—Colleagues of interviewers with Count di Montebello, no two alike, are published in the local papers. The Count is credited with making all sorts of scandalous statements regarding his first meeting with Miss Knox and her subsequent conduct. To a reporter to-day the Count again broadened a partnership in his book venture, but the newspaper man declined. Afterward the Count sent requests to the editors of several daily newspapers to call on him, as he had important business with them, which proved to be another proposition to dispose of his manuscript. His offer was not accepted. The Register, Samuel P. Connor, who has just returned from New York, had an interview with the Count last Sunday evening. He said: "The Count seemed anxious to make some money out of his statement, which he said he was preparing for the New York newspaper, and which would be printed the day after to-morrow. He said that he had lost \$100 in the course of his travels in Europe, and that he had no money left. He had no money left, but he had a sum of \$100 in his pocket."

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Exporters did take 16,000 bushels, but the purchases were made at concessions of 1-1/2 cent on spot lots. The options were more active, about 9,000,000 bushels being traded in, and price was 64-1/2 cents per bushel, 64-1/2 cent to 65 cents. The West got a notion that the export demand was developing, and this caused a rally of 1-1/2 cent. The market closed only steady, at net losses of 3-4 for March at 64-1/2 cent, 4-2 for May 6-8, and 64-1/2 for June 6-8.

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